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TAGS: MASS, KS

SUBJECT: ROCKET PROPELLANT TECHNOLOGY

FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: A) SEOUL 6796; B) SEOUL 6645

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL A ALREADY KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AS RESULT OF TWO PREVIOUS VISITS SINCE AUGUST 27 BY LOCKHEED OFFICIALS AND ONE VISIT IN AUGUST BY MCDONNELL DOUGLAS. DURING LOCKHEED'S THIRD CALL TO EA/K ON OCTOBER 11, AS WELL AS CALL SAME DAY TO PM/MC, MENTION MADE OF DEPARTMENT'S RESERVATIONS REGARDING SOLID ROCKET PROPELLANT TECHNOLOGY AND CAPABILITY IN HANDS OF ROK AND EXTENT TO WHICH ACQUISITION THIS EXPERTISE MIGHT MOVE KOREA TOWARD OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY WITH MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EA/K, COUNTRY DIRECTOR SAID EMBASSY HAD REPORTED ITS CONCERN THIS REGARD, BUT HE DID NOT ATTRIBUTE REPORT TO MCDONNELL DOUGLAS REPRESENTATIVE.
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TATIVE. NO REFERENCE TO DOD REACTIONS MADE, BUT LOCKHEED
TOLD THAT VIEWS OF COUNTRY TEAM WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO
ANY DECISION.

2. PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN LICENSING DETERMINATION REF. B
SUBJECT SEPARATE MESSAGE. INGERSOLL

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